

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 3950      **Date/Time Notice:** 10/26/2015      1600      **DEM Incident No:**  
**Responsible Party:** Otter Tail Power Company  
**Date Incident:** 10/26/2015      **Time Incident:** 1230      **Duration:** 30 minutes  
**County:** Stutsman      **Twp:** 140      **Rng:** 64      **Sec:** 36      **Qtr:**  
**Lat:** 46.89944      **Long:** -98.70676      **Method:** Interpolation from map  
**Location Description:** The pad-mount transformer on 2nd Ave SE - East entrance to Hardee's.

**Submitted By:** TJ Newkirk      **Affiliation:** Otter Tail Power Company  
**Address:** PO Box 496  
**City:** Fergus Falls      **State:** MN      **Zip:** 56538-0496

## Received By:

**Contact Person:** TJ Newkirk  
PO Box 496  
Fergus Falls, MN 56538-0496

**Distance Nearest Occupied Building:** 100 Feet      **Release Contained:** Yes

**Type of Incident:** Transformer spill (non-PCB)

**Description of Released Contaminant:** Non-PCB transformer oil.

**Volume Spilled:** 45.00 gallons      **Ag Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** Unknown      **Reported to NRC:** Unknown

## Cause of Incident:

A transformer was moved and turned up-side down. Vehicle involved.

## Risk Evaluation:

Traffic area; slip/spin out; immediately removed by fire department.

**# of Fatalities:**      **# of Injuries:**      **Affected Medium:** 03 - soil

## Potential Environmental Impacts:

Liquid removed. Some oil on the soil - the soil is in the process of being removed for disposal at a permitted landfill.

## Action Taken or Planned:

Jamestown Fire Department responded. Storm water drains were blocked off - no oil made its way to the storm sewer. Fire dept. applied foam, removed foam, applied sorbent, soaked up oil and then used a street sweeper to remove the material.

**Wastes Disposal Location:** The city of Jamestown removed the material to an unknown location

**Agencies Involved:** NDDDES, Local Fire Department, Local Law Enforcement

## **Updates**

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**Date:** 10/27/2015 **Status:** Reviewed - Follow-up Required

**Author:** Crowdus, Kory

**Updated Volume:**

**Notes:**

Release impacted surrounding area. Followup required.

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**Date:** 10/28/2015 **Status:** Correspondence

**Author:** Tintes Schiwal, Emily

**Updated Volume:**

**Notes:**

A vehicle ran off of a city street and over a pad-mounted transformer, ripping the unit from its foundation and pulling it into a parking lot. The leaking oil from the transformer was isolated to the parking lot and did not reach soil or city sewers. The local fire department collected the oil using absorbents, and all materials (including the transformer) were taken to Ottertail Power's storage facility. This unit was manufactured without PCBs, so that is not a concern in regard to cleanup or disposal. Ottertail is determining where to send the wastes and will update the NDDoH as to the final disposal location. Photos are in the corresponding folder.

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**Date:** 1/15/2016 **Status:** No Further Action Requested

**Author:** Tintes Schiwal, Emily

**Updated Volume:**

**Notes:**

According to Otter Tail Power staff, the waste debris from this incident was disposed of at Roberts County Landfill in Sisseton, S.D. on November 12, 2015. No further action seems to be required at this time.